

Public hearings to consider Florida's request to administer the NPDES permit program have been scheduled as shown at the beginning of this Notice. The Hearing Panel will include representatives of EPA Region IV and the Florida FDEP.

The following are policies and procedures which shall be observed at the public hearings:

1. The Presiding Officer shall conduct the hearing in a manner which will allow all interested persons wishing to make oral statements an opportunity to do so; however, the Presiding Officer may inform attendees of any time limits during the opening statement of the hearings.

2. Any person may submit written statements or documents for the record.

3. The Presiding Officer may, in his discretion, exclude oral testimony if such testimony is overly repetitious of previous testimony or is not relevant to the decision to approve or require revision of the submitted State program.

4. The transcript taken at the hearing, together with copies of all submitted statements and documents, shall become a part of the record submitted to the Regional Administrator.

5. The hearing record shall be left open until the deadline for receipt of comments specified at the beginning of this Notice to allow any person time to submit additional written statement or to present views or evidence tending to rebut testimony presented at the public hearing.

Hearing statements may be oral or written. Written copies of oral statements are urged for accuracy of the record and for use of the Hearing Panel and other interested persons. Statements should summarize any extensive written materials. All comments received by EPA Region IV by the deadline for receipt of comments, or presented at the public hearing, will be considered by EPA before taking final action on the Florida request for NPDES program approval.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

After review of the facts presented in this document, I hereby certify, pursuant to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 605(b), that this notice of Florida's application to administer the NPDES program will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The approval of the Florida NPDES permit program would merely transfer responsibilities for administration of the NPDES permit

program from Federal to State government.

Patrick M. Tobin,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Agreement(s) Filed

The Federal Maritime Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement(s) pursuant to section 5 of the Shipping Act of 1984.

Interested parties may inspect and obtain a copy of each agreement at the Washington, D.C. Office of the Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., 9th Floor. Interested parties may submit comments on each agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, D.C. 20573, within 10 days after the date of the **Federal Register** in which this notice appears. The requirements for comments are found in § 572.603 of Title 46 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Interested persons should consult this section before communicating with the Commission regarding a pending agreement.

Agreement No.: 232-011321-003.

Title: Maersk/Sea-Land Pacific

Agreement.

Parties:

A.P. Moller-Maersk Line
Sea-Land Service, Inc.

Synopsis: The proposed amendment revises Article 9.3—Duration and Termination by reducing the notice period required for withdrawal from the Agreement.

Agreement No.: 203-011487.

Title: The "8900" Lines/APL

Discussion Agreement.

Parties:

"8900" Lines Agreement
American President Lines, Ltd.

Synopsis: The proposed Agreement permits the parties to meet, discuss their separate tariffs, rates, service items, rules and service contracts in the trade from all United States ports and points to all ports and points in Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Jordan and Yemen. Adherence to any such agreement reached is voluntary.

Agreement No.: 224-200555-003.

Title: Jacksonville Port Authority/
Allen Freight Trailer Bridge, Inc.
Terminal Agreement.

Parties:

Jacksonville Port Authority
Allen Freight Trailer Bridge, Inc.

Synopsis: The proposed amendment provides for the annual rate increase to the Agreement.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Dated: January 24, 1995.

Joseph C. Polking,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE

Labor-Management Cooperation Program; Application Solicitation

AGENCY: Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

ACTION: Publication of final Fiscal Year 1995 Program Guidelines/Application Solicitation for Labor-Management Committees.

SUMMARY: The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) is publishing the final Fiscal Year 1995 Program Guidelines/Application Solicitation for the Labor-Management Cooperation program to inform the public. The program is supported by Federal funds authorized by the Labor-Management Cooperation Act of 1978, subject to annual appropriations. No comments were received from the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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Labor-Management Cooperation Program Application Solicitation for Labor-Management Committees FY 1995

A. Introduction

The following is the final solicitation for the Fiscal Year (FY) 1995 cycle of the Labor-Management Cooperation Program as it pertains to the support of labor-management committees. These guidelines represent the continuing efforts of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to implement the provisions of the Labor-Management Cooperation Act of 1978 which was initially implemented in FY81. The Act generally authorizes FMCS to provide assistance in the establishment and operation of plant, area, public sector, and industry-wide labor-management committees which:

(A) have been organized jointly by employers and labor organizations representing employees in that plant, area, government agency, or industry; and

(B) are established for the purpose of improving labor-management

relationships, job security, and organizational effectiveness; enhancing economic development; or involving workers in decisions affecting their jobs, including improving communication with respect to subjects of mutual interest and concern.

The Program Description and other sections that follow, as well as a separately published FMCS Financial and Administrative Grants Manual, make up the basic guidelines, criteria, and program elements a potential applicant for assistance under this program must know in order to develop an application for funding consideration for either a plant, area-wide, industry, or public sector labor-management committee. Directions for obtaining an application kit may be found in Section H. A copy of the Labor-Management Cooperation Act of 1978, included in the application kit, should be reviewed in conjunction with this solicitation.

B. Program Description

Objectives

The Labor-Management Cooperation Act of 1978 identifies the following seven general areas for which financial assistance would be appropriate:

- (1) to improve communication between representatives of labor and management;
- (2) to provide workers and employers with opportunities to study and explore new and innovative joint approaches to achieving organizational effectiveness;
- (3) to assist workers and employers in solving problems of mutual concern not susceptible to resolution within the collective bargaining process;
- (4) to study and explore ways of eliminating potential problems which reduce the competitiveness and inhibit the economic development of the plant, area, or industry;
- (5) to enhance the involvement of workers in making decisions that affect their working lives;
- (6) to expand and improve working relationships between workers and managers; and
- (7) to encourage free collective bargaining by establishing continuing mechanisms for communication between employers and their employees through Federal assistance in the formation and operation of labor management committees.

The primary objective of this program is to encourage and support the establishment and operation of joint labor-management committees to carry out specific objectives that meet the forementioned general criteria. The term "labor" refers to employees represented by a labor organization and covered by

a formal collective bargaining agreement. These committees may be found at either the plant (worksite), area, industry, or public sector levels. A plant or worksite committee is generally characterized as restricted to one or more organizational or productive units operated by a single employer. An area committee is generally composed of multiple employers of diverse industries as well as multiple labor unions operating within and focusing upon city, county, contiguous multicounty, or statewide jurisdictions. An industry committee generally consists of a collection of agencies or enterprises and related labor unions producing a common product or service in the private sector on a local, state, regional, or nationwide level. A public sector committee consists either of government employees and managers in one or more units of a local or state government, managers and employees of public institutions of higher education, or of employees and managers of public elementary and secondary schools. Those employees must be covered by a formal collective bargaining agreement or other enforceable labor-management agreement. In deciding whether an application is for an area or industry committee, consideration should be given to the above definitions as well as to the focus of the committee.

In FY 1995, competition will be open to plant, area, private industry, and public sector committees. Public Sector committees will be divided into two sub-categories for scoring purposes. One sub-category will consist of committees representing state/local units of government and public institutions of higher education. The second sub-category will consist of public elementary and secondary schools.

Special consideration will be given to committee applications involving innovative or unique efforts. All application budget requests should focus directly on supporting the committee. Applicants should avoid seeking funds for activities that are clearly available under other Federal programs (e.g., job training, mediation of contract disputes, etc.).

Required Program Elements

1. *Problem Statement*—The application, which should have numbered pages, must discuss in detail what specific problem(s) face the plant, area, government, or industry, and its workforce that will be addressed by the committee. Applicants must document the problem(s) using as much relevant data as possible and discuss the full

range of impacts these problem(s) could have or are having on the plant, government, area, or industry. An industrial or economic profile of the area and workforce might prove useful in explaining the problem(s). This section basically discusses *WHY* the effort is needed.

2. *Results or Benefits Expected*—By using specific goals and objectives, the application must discuss in detail *WHAT* the labor-management committee as a demonstration effort will accomplish during the life of the grant. While a goal of "improving communication between employers and employees" may suffice as one over-all goal of a project, the objectives must, whenever possible, be expressed in specific and measurable terms. Applicants should focus on the impacts or changes that the committee's efforts will have. Existing committees should focus on *expansion* efforts/results expected from FMCS funding. The goals, objectives, and projected impacts will become the foundation for future monitoring and evaluation efforts.

3. *Approach*—This section of the application specifies *HOW* the goals and objectives will be accomplished. At a minimum, the following elements must be included in all grant applications:

- (a) a discussion of the strategy the committee will employ to accomplish its goals and objectives;
- (b) a listing, by name and title, of all existing or proposed members of the labor-management committee. The application should also offer a rationale for the selection of the committee members (e.g., members represent 70% of the area of plant workforce).
- (c) a discussion of the number, type, and role of all committee staff persons. Include proposed position descriptions for all staff that will have to be hired as well as resumes for staff already on board;
- (d) in addressing the proposed approach, applicants must also present their justification as to why Federal funds are needed to implement the proposed approach;
- (e) a statement of how often the committee will meet as well as any plans to form subordinate committees for particular purposes; and
- (f) for applications from existing committees (i.e., in existence at least 12 months prior to the submission deadline), a discussion of past efforts and accomplishments and how they would integrate with the proposed expanded effort.

4. *Major Milestones*—This section must include an implementation plan that indicates what major steps, operating activities, and objectives will

be accomplished as well as a timetable for *WHEN* they will be finished. A milestone chart must be included that indicates what specific accomplishments (process and impact) will be completed by month over the life of the grant using October 1, 1995, as the start date. The accomplishment of these tasks and objectives, as well as problems and delays therein, will serve as the basis for quarterly progress reports to FMCS.

5. *Evaluation*—Applicants must provide for either an external evaluation or an internal assessment of the project's success in meeting its goals and objectives. An evaluation plan must be developed which briefly discusses what basic questions or issues the assessment will examine and what baseline data the committee staff already has or will gather for the assessment. This section should be written with the application's own goals and objectives clearly in mind and the impacts or changes that the effort is expected to cause.

6. *Letters of Commitment*—Applications must include current letters of commitment from *all* proposed or existing committee participants and chairpersons. These letters should indicate that the participants support the application and will attend scheduled committee meetings. A blanket letter signed by a committee chairperson or other official on behalf of all members is not acceptable. We encourage the use of individual letters submitted on company or union letterhead represented by the individual. The letters should match the names provided under Section 3(b).

7. *Other Requirements*—Applicants are also responsible for the following:

(a) the submission of data indicating approximately how many employees will be covered or represented through the labor-management committee;

(b) from existing committees, a copy of the existing staffing levels, a copy of the by-laws, a breakout of annual operating costs and identification of all sources and levels of current financial support;

(c) a detailed budget narrative based on policies and procedures contained in the FMCS Financial and Administrative Grants Manual;

(d) an assurance that the labor-management committee will not interfere with any collective bargaining agreements; and

(e) an assurance that committee meetings will be held at least every other month and that written minutes of all committee meetings will be prepared and made available to FMCS.

Selection Criteria

The following criteria will be used in the scoring and selection of applications for award:

(1) The extent to which the application has clearly identified the problems and justified the needs that the proposed project will address.

(2) The degree to which appropriate and measurable goals and objectives have been developed to address the problems/needs of the area. For existing committees, the extent to which the committee will focus on expanded efforts.

(3) The feasibility of the approach proposed to attain the goals and objectives of the project and the perceived likelihood of accomplishing the intended project results. This section will also address the degree of innovativeness or uniqueness of the proposed effort.

(4) The appropriateness of committee membership and the degree of commitment of these individuals to the goals of the application as indicated in the letters of support.

(5) The feasibility and thoroughness of the implementation plan in specifying major milestones and target dates.

(6) The cost effectiveness and fiscal soundness of the application's budget request, as well as the application's feasibility vis-a-vis its goals and approach.

(7) The overall feasibility of the proposed project in light of all of the information presented for consideration; and

(8) The value to the government of the application in light of the overall objectives of the Labor-Management Cooperation Act of 1978. This includes such factors as innovativeness, site location, cost, and other qualities that impact upon an applicant's value in encouraging the labor-management committee concept.

C. Eligibility

Eligible grantees include state and local units of government, labor-management committees (or a labor union, management association, or company on behalf of a committee that will be created through the grant), and certain third party private non-profit entities on behalf of one or more committees to be created through the grant. Federal government agencies and their employees are not eligible.

Third-party private, non-profit entities which can document that a major purpose or function of their organization has been the improvement of labor relations are eligible to apply.

However, all funding must be directed to the functioning of the labor-management committee, and all requirements under Part B must be followed. Applications from third-party entities must document particularly strong support and participation from all labor and management parties with whom the applicant will be working. Applicants from third-parties which do not directly support the operation of a new or expanded committee will not be deemed eligible, nor will applications signed by entities such as law firms or other third parties failing to meet the above criteria.

Applicants who received funding under this program in the past for committee operations are generally not eligible to apply. The only exceptions apply to third-party grantees who seek funds on behalf of an entirely different committee.

D. Allocations

FMCS has been given an allocation of approximately \$1.25 million for this program. Specific funding levels will not be established for each type of committee. Instead, the review process will be conducted in such a manner that at least two awards will be made in each category (plant, industry, public sector, and area), providing that FMCS determines that at least two outstanding applications exist in each category. After these applications are selected for award, the remaining applications will be considered according to merit without regard to category.

In addition to the competitive process identified in the preceding paragraph, FMCS will set aside a sum not to exceed thirty percent of its appropriation to be awarded on a non-competitive basis. These funds will be used to support industry-specific national-scope initiatives and/or regional industry models with high potential for widespread replication. They will also be used to support the Eighth National Labor-Management Conference in Chicago, Illinois, on May 29–31, 1996.

FMCS reserves the right to retain up to an additional five percent of the FY95 appropriation to contract for program support purposes (such as evaluation) other than administration.

E. Dollar Range and Length of Grants and Continuation Policy

Awards to continue and expand existing labor-management committees (i.e., in existence 12 months prior to the submission deadline) will be for a period of 12 months. If successful progress is made during this initial budget period and if sufficient appropriations for expansion and

continuation projects are available, these grants may be continued for a limited time at a 40 percent cash match ratio. Initial awards to establish new labor-management committees (i.e., not yet established or in existence less than 12 months prior to the submission deadline), will be for a period of 18 months. If successful progress is made during this initial budget period and if sufficient appropriations for expansion and continuation projects are available, these grants may be continued for a limited time at a 40 percent cash match ratio. The dollar range of awards is as follows:

- Up to \$35,000 in FMCS funds per annum for existing in-plant applicants;
- Up to \$50,000 over 18 months for new in-plant committee applicants;
- Up to \$75,000 in FMCS funds per annum for existing area, industry and public sector committee applicants;
- Up to \$100,000 per 18-month period for new area, industry, and public sector committee applicants.

Applicants are reminded that these figures represent maximum Federal funds only. If total costs to accomplish the objectives of the application exceed the maximum allowable Federal funding level and its required grantee match, applicants may supplement these funds through voluntary contributions from other sources.

F. Match Requirements and Cost Allowability

Applicants for new labor-management committees must provide at least 10 percent of the total allowable project costs. Applicants for existing committees must provide at least 25 percent of the total allowable project costs. All matching funds may come from state or local government sources or private sector contributions, but may generally not include Federal funds. Funds generated by grant-supported efforts are considered "project income," and may not be used for matching purposes.

It will be the policy of this program to reject all requests for indirect or overhead costs as well as "in-kind" match contributions. In addition, grant funds must not be used to supplant private or local/state government funds currently spent for these purposes. Funding requests from existing committees should focus entirely on the costs associated with the expansion efforts. Also, under no circumstances may business or labor officials participating on a labor-management committee be compensated out of grant funds for time spent at committee

meetings or time spent in training sessions. Applicants generally will not be allowed to claim all or a portion of existing staff time as an expense or match contribution.

For a more complete discussion of cost allowability, applicants are encouraged to consult the FY95 FMCS Financial and Administrative Grants Manual which will be included in the application kit.

G. Application Submission and Review Process

Applications should be signed by both a labor and management representative and be postmarked no later than May 13, 1995. No applications or supplementary materials can be accepted after the deadline. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the application is correctly postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or other carrier. An original application containing numbered pages, plus three copies, should be addressed to the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, Labor-Management Program Services, 2100 K Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20427. FMCS will not consider videotaped submissions or video attachments to submissions.

After the deadline has passed, all eligible applications will be reviewed and scored initially by one or more Peer Review Boards. The Boards(s) will decide which applications will be recommended for funding consideration. The Manager, Labor-Management Program Services, will finalize the scoring and selection process for those applications recommended by the Board(s). The individual listed as contact person in item 6 on the application form will generally be the only person with whom FMCS will communicate during the application review process.

All FY95 grant applicants will be notified of results and all grant awards will be made before September 30, 1995. Applications submitted after the May 13 deadline date or that fail to adhere to eligibility or other major requirements will be administratively rejected by the Manager, Labor-Management Program Services.

H. Contact

Individuals wishing to apply for funding under this program should contact the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service as soon as possible to obtain an application kit. These kits and additional information or clarification can be obtained free of charge by contacting Linda Stubbs, Lee A. Buddendeck, or Peter L. Regner, Federal Mediation and Conciliation

Service, Labor-Management Program Services, 2100 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20427; or by calling 202-606-8181.

John Calhoun Wells,

Director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Agency Forms Under Review

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Request for comment; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On January 5, 1995, the Board requested comment on proposed revisions to the Annual Report of Foreign Banking Organizations (FR Y-7) and the Foreign Banking Organization Confidential Report of Operations (FR 2068). The Secretary of the Board, acting under delegated authority, has extended the comment period by 30 days to give the public additional time to provide comments.

DATES: Comments must be received by March 9, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Mr. William W. Wiles, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20551, or delivered to the Board's mail room between 8:45 a.m. and 5:15 p.m., and to the security control room outside of those hours. Both the mail room and the security control room are accessible from the courtyard entrance on 20th Street between Constitution Avenue and C Street, N.W. Comments received may be inspected in room M-P-500 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., except as provided in section 261.8 of the Board's Rules Regarding Availability of Information, 12 CFR 261.8(a).

Comments may also be submitted to the OMB desk officer for the Board: Milo Sunderhauf, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 3208, Washington, D.C. 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of the proposed form, the request for clearance (OMB 83-I), supporting statement, instructions, and other documents that will be placed into OMB's public docket files once approved may be requested from the agency clearance officer, Mary M. McLaughlin, Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer (202-452-3829), Division of Research and Statistics,